



CITY OF  
**PICKERINGTON**

**SAFETY COMMITTEE  
CITY HALL, 100 LOCKVILLE ROAD  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
7:15 P.M.**

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Romine called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

Present: Mr. Romine; Mr. Derksen; Mrs. Hicks

Others Mayor Gray; Tony Barletta; Jaclyn Rohaly; Greg Butcher; Chief Cheney;

Present: Rebecca Medinger; Heather Moore

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2021, REGULAR MEETING

**Moved by** Mr. Derksen **to approve, seconded by** Mrs. Hicks

Yes: Mrs. Hicks, Mr. Derksen, Mr. Romine

**3 - 0 Passed**

3. POLICE

A. Chief's Report

Mr. Romine clarified that the new text to 9-1-1 feature is in place and working.

4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There were no community comments.

5. PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

A. Parks & Recreation Director Report

Mrs. Medinger stated she had submitted a written report and would answer any questions. Mr. Romine clarified that the pool heater will be repaired at the end of the week. Mrs. Hicks clarified that the pool is closed for the season. Mr. Romine clarified that there are approximately 92 people registered for the Enchanted Princess Party. Mrs. Medinger stated that due to Covid concerns the attendance will be capped at 150. Mrs. Hicks clarified that the bathrooms at Victory Park are open.

B. Parks Board Representative Report (Mr. Derksen)

Mr. Derksen stated that the Parks and Recreation Board has been meeting on a monthly basis and they recently appointed Mr. Seymour to the Chairman position due to the vacancy left by Mrs. Bagar-Fraley. He continued that board continues to discuss the community improvement plan survey including the parks results and the members continue to provide updates on the various parks that they have been assigned to represent.

6. CHAIRMAN

A. Invasive species discussion

Mr. Butcher stated he does not have an update from an ordinance standpoint but is aware that the Planning Director and Law Director have been talking about this item and will continue to monitor those discussions.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Review and request for a motion to approve a draft ordinance amending the Pickerington Codified Ordinances by enacting Chapter 444.13 Electric Bicycles

Mr. Derksen stated that this ordinance is in response to House Bill 250 which passed the General Assembly in 2018. He continued that the Parks and Recreation Board discussed this item a few times last year and then it dissipated, but now it is back up for Safety Committee. He stated that comments from the Parks and Recreation Board included: class 1 and class 2 electric bikes should be considered to be used on the bike paths, we should have a helmet requirement for the class 1 and class 2 electric bikes, we should outlaw class 3 electric bikes, and electric bikes should not be permitted on the upper portion of Sycamore Creek park. Mr. Romine stated this could be revisited but does not understand why they would not want to permit class 3 electric bikes. Mr. Derksen stated there is not a lot of context for that comment. Mrs. Hicks stated she is not aware of any issues that we have ever had with electric bikes. Mr. Romine clarified that this ordinance will codify the State's ordinance.

**Moved by Mr. Derksen to approve and forward to Council, seconded by Mrs. Hicks**

Yes: Mr. Derksen, Mrs. Hicks, Mr. Romine

**3 - 0 Passed**

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further, Mr. Romine adjourned the Safety Committee meeting at 7:22 P.M., September 8, 2021.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Heather Moore, City Clerk